

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 20, 21, and 23-30.

Moreover, Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 11, 13-19, 29, 31, and 32 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has rejected the remaining claims. Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,059,594 to Davis et al. (the “Davis” reference). Applicants respectfully traverse. Independent claims 1 and 12 as amended include the features, among others, of “overmolded body at least partially overmolded around said at least one terminal and said at least one wire.” The Davis reference teaches on column 4, line 34-36, that the wire is inserted through a passage in seal 94 after seal 94 is overmolded over the contact 70. The Davis reference does not teach overmolding around the terminal and the wire, but instead teaches away from this by specifying that the wires are inserted after the overmolding process is complete. Therefore, the Davis reference does not anticipate Applicant’s invention as defined in independent claims 1 and 12.

Dependent claims 7, 8 and 10 depend from claim 1 and therefore include all of the limitations of claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted that dependent claims 7, 8 and 10 are allowable over the Davis reference for at least the same reasons as provided with respect to independent claim 1.

Dependent claim 28 as previously amended depends from independent claim 21 which has been indicated to be allowable. Therefore, because dependent claim 28 includes all of the limitations of the allowed independent claim 21, it is therefore respectfully submitted that

claim dependent claim 28 is also allowable over the references of record.

Similarly, dependent claims 2, 3, 6 and 9 all depend from independent claim 1, and therefore include all of its limitations. It is therefore respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 6 and 9 are allowable over the Davis reference for at least the reasons provided with respect to independent claim 1.

It is noted that claims 4 and 5 were not indicated as rejected, allowed, or objected to. Because claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1 and include all of the limitations of claim 1 it is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 5 are allowable over the references of record.

Furthermore, dependent claims 13-19 depend from independent claim 12, and therefore include all of the limitations of independent claim 12. It is therefore respectfully submitted that dependent claims 13-19 are allowable over the references of record for at least the same reasons as provided with respect to independent claim 12.

Similarly, dependent claim 29 depends from independent claim 21. Independent claim 21 has been noted to be allowable over the references of record. Therefore, dependent claim 29 is allowable over the reference of record because it includes all of the limitations of independent claim 21.

Similarly, dependent claim 31 as previously amended depends from independent claim 21. Independent claim 21 has been noted as being allowable. Therefore, because dependent claim 31 includes all of the limitations of independent claim 21, it is also allowable over the references of record.

Along these same lines, dependent claim 32 depends from independent claim 21, and therefore includes all of the limitations of independent claim 21. Claim 21 has been noted to

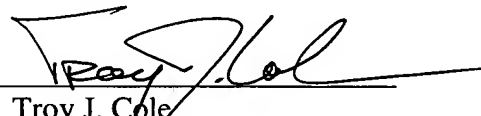
be allowed by the Examiner. Therefore, dependent claim 32 is allowable because it includes all of the limitations of independent claim 21.

Accordingly, claims 1-19, 28, 29, 31, and 32 are in condition for allowance and are respectfully requested to pass to issue. Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

No additional fees are believed to be necessary, however, should any fees be deemed required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but is not to include payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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